Institute of Aeronautical Science in Tamil Nadu

2280. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up an Institute of Aeronautical Science and Training of Pilots Academy in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to conduct Techno-Feasibility Study on the above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) There is no such proposal with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Restarting operation at Salem Airport

2281. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to modernize Madurai, Coimbatore and Trichy airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that civil aviation operation from Salem Airport has been discontinued for a long time;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) whether Government are considering to restart operation from Salem Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At Madurai airport, the runway is being extended and strengthened for operation of A320/B737-800 type of aircrafts. Expansion of apron for parking 5 aircrafts, additional link taxiway, isolation bay and associated facilities have also been taken